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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE – “TEMECULA VALLEY MUSEUM TO HOST WESTERN CULTURAL HERITAGE DAY IN SAM HICKS MONUMENT PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4 FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM.”



TEMECULA, CA – The Temecula Valley Museum is proud to host the first annual Western Cultural Heritage Day on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Sam Hicks Monument Park in Old Town Temecula. The theme for this one-day event is “Many Traditions, One Community.” The event seeks to spotlight the many cultures that make up the modern-day community of Temecula against the backdrop of our city’s western history.

The event begins with a bang as the popular Old Town Temecula Gunfighters will perform their award winning western reenactments. At 10am, the Temecula Wine Country Cowgirl Color Guard will present the American flag, and City Council Member Maryann Edwards will sing our National Anthem. Live music performances throughout the day include old time crabgrass music by Frank Matthis and the Blacksmith Boys; country rock musicians Nitro Express; Judy Taylor’s Wild Oaks & Wild West Show and incredible blues guitarist Bill Magee. Cultural dance performances include the Temecula Valley Grape Stompers, Ballet Folklorico, and Puahi’s Polynesian Dance Company. Living history performances are provided by Code of the West and several performances by gunfighters.

In addition, youngsters can try their hand at panning for gold with the Temecula Valley Prospectors, enjoy a Temecula history puppet show thanks to Queensbury Puppets, take a pony ride provided by Nikki’s Ponies, or ride on an old-fashioned horse drawn wagon courtesy of Temecula Carriage Company. There will be live demonstrations throughout the day include an equine display provided by Rancho California Horsemen’s Association, blacksmithing, weaving, laundry and old-fashioned candle dipping.

Non-profit vendors providing fun, hands-on activities for children include Temecula Valley Historical Society, Vail Ranch Restoration Association, Temecula’s Sister Cities in Japan and the Netherlands, Fallbrook Historical Society, Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Sunrise Rotary, and Ronald H. Roberts Library. Upon successful completion of all of the activities, each child will receive a prize from the Old West “Mercantile Store” thanks to Temecula Valley Woman’s Club. For purchase vendors include Cherokee Creek Native American Art, RT Traders, and Hawaiian Shaved Ice. Snacks and Cookies from various cultures will be available for purchase.

Parking will be limited, so the event is providing a free shuttle bus that will bring guests from the Old Town Parking Garage at 28690 Mercedes to Sam Hicks Monument Park at 28300 Mercedes.

Come experience the past and present cultures of the Temecula Valley. Guests are invited to share their cultural heritage by wearing the traditional clothing which reflects their own culture. For more information on this event, please call the Temecula Valley Museum at 951-694-6450.

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The Temecula Valley Museum in Sam Hicks Monument Park is located at 28314 Mercedes Street, one block east of Front Street in Old Town Temecula. Visit the museum Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm or Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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